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1. In the lead mines at Zlatograd (RF-7515), there were approximately 5,000 workers including about 100 Soviets. In the geological branch there were an additional 50 Soviet geologists and 200 Bulgarian workers. The daily production of the mines was 300 to 400 tons.
2. The passages which were opened in the area of Zlatograd had the following names:
  - a. Konske Dol (one shaft); ore from this shaft was sent by vehicle to Madan (RF-5929) and Srednogortsi (RF-5833), where there were refineries; from the refineries the ore was sent by vehicle through Ardino (RF-7837) to Kurdzhali.
  - b. Sisrenka (two shafts);
  - c. Burueva Reka (two shafts);
  - d. Krusiov Dol (two shafts);
  - e. Dolna Petrovitsa (one shaft); and
  - f. Centurska (four shafts).
3. The ore from all the mines, including part of the ore from Konske Dol, was collected at Burueva Reka; and from there the entire amount was sent by aerial cable 47 kilometers to the factory of Kurdzhali. The capacity of each of the aerial wagons was one ton, and four hours were required for the wagons to complete a round trip. Along the aerial cable line there were stations at Boevo, Strasi Mir, Sveti Georgi, and Fabrika.
4. The refinery at Kurdzhali was located at the southern end of the city near the banks of the Arda River. The refinery consisted of several buildings surrounded by barbed wire and a wooden fence. Only the factory workers were permitted to enter the area. There were a considerable number of Soviet specialists at the factory many of whom were accompanied by their families. The mines were directed by a Soviet named Kalenko and an unidentified Bulgarian.

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5. Because the area is rich in metals, a permanent group of 50 Soviet geologists, and a smaller number of Bulgarian geologists, were staying at Gorna Petrovitsa. The geologists had approximately 200 laborers with them.
6. In the northeast part of Sofia, in an area 500 by 500 meters, approximately 20 semi-underground fuel storage tanks have been constructed. The sub-surface part of the tanks was made of cement, and the upper part of iron. The capacity of the tanks was 30 to 50 tons, but [REDACTED] the tanks were empty. The entire area was fenced with barbed wire, and there were permanent guard posts at each corner. There were three more permanent guard posts within the fenced area. The guard posts were manned by soldiers day and night. 50X1-HUM
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  - a. Opposite the station of Cherveni-Breg (XG-0321) there was a tank of approximately 15 tons capacity;
  - b. In Botevgrad in the square in the center of the town;
  - c. Approximately 500 meters east of the village of Kritsin (RF-2593) there was an underground tank with about 20 tons capacity;
  - d. At the southern end of Sevlievo (XM-8289), there was an underground tank; and
  - e. There were two underground tanks located in a garage near the medical school of Sofia. 50X1-HUM

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